

**Human Rights Commission
Minutes
March 8, 2011**

Attendance: Karen Faust, Audra Ekstrom, Louise Rickard, Gary Byron, Tim Manke, Scott Allo and Jim Klusek, Ken Freidenberg

Meeting called to order @ 7:14 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: by Tim Manke and Audra Ekstrom with the following corrections needed: Scott's name is "Allo" and Karen Faust's daughters name is "Amanda".

Newington's Got Talent ("NGT"):

In all there were about 41 acts that auditioned and 21 acts that were picked by Audra Ekstrom, Karen Faust and Phyllis DiCara to be in NGT. The acts, variety and age groups were discussed.

We are still trying to contact The Polish American Club, Hidden Vine and Brickyard for sponsorship.

The rehearsal schedule was discussed.

Tim Manke confirmed that the security for the night of NGT will be by the Scout's.

Scott Allo informed us that the Talent Show for Windsor left 4 free tickets for Scott to see their performance. We should do the same. No nomination was offered. We should discuss on 4/5/2011.

We discussed trying to get the NGT information on the High School Data Board on the front lawn.

Karen said that she would have it advertised on the morning announcements on the school scroll page.

The idea was entertained about doing an "intermission" having water, snacks served.

We discussed having ½ the performers in the "green" room at a time, while the other ½ watched the show.

It was voted that Sam Loccosto was able to miss the 3/31/2011 rehearsal, because of his commitment to the musical Cinderella at Martin Kellogg Middle School.

It was voted that Eric Bloomquist could not be a participant in the NGT because of him not being able to make the rehearsal, due to him having a prior job commitment.

Human Services Report:

Ken Freidenberg reported that currently oil is \$4.00 per gallon and the oil program has been capped and the food bank renovated.

Youth Family Counseling has 70 current cases.

High School Diversity Program Update:

\$100 is being given for T-shirts

\$500 to be contributed to facilitate the program.

Meeting Adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by,
Audra Ekstrom